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MODERNISATION OF JUTE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently announced any package for the modernization of jute industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for the promotion of jute bags to help the jute growers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A scheme titled `Incentive Scheme for Modernization of Jute Industry`, tobe implemented by Jute Manufactures Development Council form out the cess collected by D/o Revenue has been introduced recently. The scheme aims to provide a financial assistance of 15% of the cost of selected jute machinery for upgradation of technology in the jute mills.

(c) In order to assist jute growers, Government declares Minimum Support Price of raw jute/mesta every year.In addition, Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in packing commodities) Act, 1987, provides for compulsory packaging of certain commodities in jute packaging material, which helps jute growers in marketing their produce. In addition, in order to popularize promotion of jute bags, National Centre for Jute Diversification (NCJD) and Jute Manufactures Development Council (JMDC) are th two government agencies which have been working for promoting use of jute bags both in domestic and export markets by organizing campaigns, fairs, exhibitions, contact promotion programmes, buyer-seller meets etc. Entrepreneurs are also being supported in this regard.